SISTERS' DEPARTMENT.

Little about Much.

NOT WITHOUT PURPOSE.—To some it may appear that we are shooting at nothing, and being women hit it fairly. You are mistaken, my unsympathizing friend, we never bent a surer bow, nor took more steady aim.

A TRUE ACTION.—Since our late convention passed a resolution for the encouragement of speech among sisters, I feel more talkative. Thank you, brethren, for your kind consideration and respect of calling. We can work together in the Lord, appreciat better one another.

THE DEBRIS OF AGES.—It requires a warm, enthusiastic soul to set on fire musty, damp opinions, which have moldered without spirit ever since their day and generation. Completely drenched by the "flood of years" they ignite with slowness, but when burnt away, there remains a clearing fitted for the palace of a king. Author of Infinity, we come to Thee for boundless grace!

MORE ANON.—At the next Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State S. S. C. E. there will be a practical program, beneficially carried out, which will put the local societies of that State into permanent, efficient existence. We hope the Branches of all other States will effect mutual organization that glorious results may follow. Do you work wisely and well? To meet divine approval, let the beautiful love of Christ be your theme.

M. M. STERLING.

Oct. 24, 1888.

What Various Hindrances We Meet, As Writers.

Some of the writers may perhaps think us negligent, unconcerned, or even indifferent about this matter. It is the duty of every good housewife, to look well to the interests of the household over which she presides. Where health, morals, prosperity and happiness generally are at stake, she feels that the steering of that ship is no trifling affair. So then if her strength is almost exhausted by attending to her domestic duties, let us be charitable, and try at least, to think that she has done what she could. She should not be censured for trying to make her home comfortable and pleasant; but we do not think that *writers* are justifiable in spending much time on decorations.

These earthly homes are very insecure. Though we may hold the titles, yet, oft times on very short notice, they either leave us, or we must leave them. Jesus has gone to prepare and beautify a home for us, (one that will endure) and our mission in this world is not so much to beautify homes, as it is to try to introduce this Jesus and His teachings, so that *all who will*, may obtain and enjoy the beautiful home which He has prepared for all those who love him, and joyfully await his appearing. Some of us, having at last got the consent of our mind, entered the school, and have been taking instructions of the Divine Teacher.

And although we found, we must admit, some lessons exceedingly difficult, yet we believe it gives better satisfaction than any other. For in it we learn not only how to live, but also how we may escape the much-dreaded terrors of death. We freely acknowledge that our Teacher has been most patient with us. Whenever we came to a hard saying, the beautiful principle underlying it, would always be explained, which afforded to our discouraged spirits, indescribable satisfaction. By taking many lessons we should learn much; and then having been brought to a knowledge of His will concerning us in many things we should manifest our appreciation by using every available means for diffusing this knowledge. He has provided a feast for the soul, permitted us to partake, but *each one* in order to understand anything about the richness thereof must be a partaker.

So dear sisters, let's to the work of persuading our fellow-mortals into the school of Christ. If His teachings are precious to us, they may be precious to others. Exercise your faith. You who can write, write about the lessons you have taken in this, the best of schools.

MRS. L. SLOTTER.

Oct. 1888.

Report of the Treasurer of the General Board of the S. S. C. E.

Mary Dietz, Ia.	$1.00
Anna L. Dilts, N. J.	5.00
J. W. Fitzgerald, Ind.	1.00
Roann, Ind., Branch,	2.00
M. A. Fitzgerald, Ind.	.50
Laura Slotter, Ohio.	1.00
Julia Wood, Va.	1.00
Masontown, Pa., Branch,	3.00
Mapleville, Md.	5.00
Adrian, Mo.	3.75
Total	$23.25

We have not heard from as many Branch Societies as we had hoped. Only four sent in their remittance to us. All the other donations have been from individuals as you see above. I hope we may not forget the principle object of this society. The general Board has been very charitable with the Branch Societies, teaching us thereby that charity begins at home; but remember it does not end there. While the constitution allows the Branch Societies to hold one-half of the membership fee for home benefits, let us not forget the grand object of this organization and that is, the missionary work. We are so negligent in this department of church work, we hope in our next report we may have the pleasure of hearing from all our Societies. Louisville will be heard from then. We just organized a few weeks ago with 27 members. Will have our first meeting the second Sunday in Oct. May God bless the work.

SARAH KEIM.

Louisville, Stark Co., O. Oct. 1.

Plumville, Pa.

We organized our S. S. C. E., the 29th of Sept. We hope near the close of this month to put our work more fully in order to do good. Our society consists of myself as President, sister Beckie White, Vice President; Maggie White, Secretary and Ida M. Whitacre, Treasurer. Our membership is small and is scattered.

MARY WHITACRE.

MARRIED.

BERKLEY—BEACHY.—At the home of the bride's parents, Oct. 17, '88, Bro. W. G. Berkley and Sister Alice Beachy, by Eld. Jno. H. Burnworth.

TREFFER—WARFEL.—Near Morrill, Frederick A. Treffer and Sadie E. Warfel, by Eld. Jno. H. Burnworth.

HELMREICH—LOVELESS—Married by Wm. Kiefer at the residence of Mrs. Lydia Moul, at Pleasant Home, Ohio, on Oct. 27, 1888, Mr. Wm. A. Helmreich, of Bakersville, Ohio, to Miss Ida M. Loveless, of Pleasant Home, O. Quite a company of guests being present to give congratulations and to share in a splendid supper. Mr. Helmreich leaves this place with the well wishes of many friends.

OUR DEAD.

CHRISAMORE.—Bro. Franklin Chrisamore died after an illness of two years, aged 26 years and 15 days. A few days before his death his father telegraphed Bro. Jno. Nicholson and the writer to come and anoint him, being willing to obey all the requirements of the gospel. Funeral by Bro. Jno. Nicholson.

J. H. BURNWORTH.

CHRISAMORE.—Henry, Sept. 20th, aged 35 years, 5 months and 10 days. Both sons of Bro. and sister A. Chrisamore. Funeral by Eld. John H. Burnworth.

Everest, Kan.

HUFFMAN.—Isaac Huffman was born 1811, departed this life Oct. 17, '88, aged 77 years, 6 months and 17 days. Bro. Huffman was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for 31 years. He leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. Funer- preached by J. H. PALMER.

JACOBS—October 27, 1888, in the Homerville church, aged 13 years, 4 months and 28 days. Funeral sermon by Wm. Kiefer, of Fair Haven church, to a large and appreciating audience. The deceased was a son of Eld. H. S. Jacobs, pastor of the Homerville church. May the Lord bless brother Jacobs in his afflictions. It could easily be seen at the funeral that brother Jacobs has the sympathy of the entire community and especially of his church. W. H.

Report of Campbell, Mich., S. S.

Our Sunday School closed Oct. 21. Our last school was the largest, 153 being the number present. We organized, April 15; elected the following officers: Superintendent, J. G. Winey; Assistant Superintendent, Bro. Geo. Clum; Treasurer, Bro. J. Rensch; Chorister. James Hullenberger; Assistant Cho., Maggie Bachelder; Librarians, Sister Alice Winey and Sister Alwilda Henney; Secretary, Bro. Wallace Darby; Average number scholars present, 90; average number teachers present, 10½; average whole number, 108. Whole number verses committed to memory, 4,419; average number verses, 192; money received, $13.44. This school was conducted by the Brethren; it was strictly Union, not a word of discord to my knowledge. "In union there is strength" is a true adage.

We think the Sunday School is a power for good; it is the nursery to the church. We closed with a crowded house. The greatest helps in sucsessfully carrying on a Sunday School are the blessing of God and the co-operation of the parents in a neighborhood. May God's blessing rest upon ours as well as all schools is my prayer.

J. G. WINEY.

Beaver City, Neb.

Bro. DeBolt from Carlton came to us on the 4th of Sept., and commenced services same evening at the Brethren church, three and one half miles east of the city. After preaching three of his peculiarly typed sermons, we moved the meetings to town and continued until the evening of the 21st. Taking everything into consideration the meetings were a success. Fourteen came forward and confessed Christ. One was received by relation east of town making 15. Bro. DeBolt is undoubtedly one of the few among our brethren who is thoroughly fitted for revival work and should be constantly kept in the evangelistic field. His general knowledge, his untiring zeal, his firmness and self sacrificing disposition eminently fit him for town or country to build up churches. He is rather plain spoken, clear and ringing in his illustrations. His preaching gives no uncertain sound. Saint and sinner each receive a due portion. No one need go away wanting for something to meditate upon.

Sister DeBolt, in time, will prove herself a valuable help to him in labors. She is yet young in the Master's cause and young in companionship with Brother DeBolt, but her talent associated with our dear brother, if properly utilized, will make them together a power for good in the cause of Christ. May God's blessings ever accompany them is my prayer.

C. FORNEY.

Too Good to Keep.

A New Zealand girl was brought over to England to be educated. She became a true Christian. When she was about to return, some of her playmates endeavored to dissuade her. They said, "Why do you go back to New Zealand? You are accustomed to England now. You love its shady lanes and clover-fields. It suits your health. Besides you may be shipwrecked on the ocean. You may be killed and eaten by your own people. Everybody will have forgotten you."

"What!" she said, do you think I could keep the good news to myself? Do you think I could be content with having got pardon and peace and eternal life for myself, and not go and tell my dear father and mother how they can get it too? I woud go it I had to swim there. Do not try to hinder me, for I must go and tell my people the good news?"—Exchange.

His First Smoke.

Ned had seen men and boys puffing cigars, and he thought it must be very nice. He wanted to try it, but he knew that his mother would not approve, and so he must watch his chance when she did not know it. One day he found a stump of a cigar; he put it into his pocket, got a match, and went behind the wood-house to enjoy himself. But it wasn't such a great treat after all; a few puffs made him so sick that he threw the stump away, and sat down and leaned his head against the wall. Here his mother found him, and talked to him in a way that he will never forget.

Log Cabin Logic.

Brawn and Brain!

The powerful engine, with its wonderful propelling power, coupled to the long train full freighted with the richest fabrics of the intellectual looms of the centuries—what obstacles can stay the progress of this mighty force, when once under full steam along life's highway.

The American with brawn and brain does not see the necessity for titles of nobility, does not care for elevation by descent, he can reach out and pluck the stars.

But with brawn or brain impaired, a man is badly handicapped in the mad race for success which is the marked characteristic of the present age.

The physical system is a most intricate piece of machinery. It ought to be kept well regulated, so that it will work harmoniously in all its parts, then it is capable of an immense amount of work.

It is said that a watch, if expected to keep perfect time, must be wound daily. It will not keep good time unless it "runs regular." More men break down because they don't "run regular" than for any other reason.

It is claimed by physicians that few men are killed by hard work. It is to the irregularities of modern social life that the high death rate is due. Men burn their candle at both ends, then wonder why it burns out so quickly.

The main thing in keeping the human machine in good working order is to keep the regulator all right. "The blood is the life," and sound health is assured so long as the blood flows through the veins a limpid stream of purity.

Regulate the regulator with Warner's Log Cabin sarsaparilla, the old fashioned blood purifier, prepared after the best formula in use by our ancestors in good old Log Cabin days, and with the vigor of brawn and brain which must ensue, in your life's lexicon you will find no such word as fail.

Why I Left My Party.

Continuing its very successful Political Symposium of last month, The STATESMAN for November gives its readers a chapter on "Why I left my party." The articles and writers are as follows:—Why I left the Democrat Party. Maj. William F. Singleton, Evanston, Ill. Why I left the Republican party. L. D. Rogers, M. D., of *The People's Health Journal*. Why I left the Labor party. Melancthon D. Lockwood, D. D., Cincinnati. Why I left the Prohibition party. Samuel S. Rogers, of *The Chicago News*. Why I left the Mugwumps. John B. Abell, of the Springfield Bar.

The magazine is not insensible to the fact that the public desires something to read besides political matter, even in a political campaign, and have accordingly given its patrons additional matter of an entertaining character.

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